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SUBJ: INFCE: PLANNING FOR NOVEMBER 30 BOARD MEETING

REF: (A) STATE 274459; (B) VIENNA 9993; (C) STATE 278731

1. MISSION ATTENDED NOVEMBER 21 MEETING OF WEO AND
INFORMED GROUP OF GENERAL CONTENT PARAS 2 AND 3 OF
REF A. REPS OF CANADA, FRG, JAPAN AND SWEDEN
INDICATED THEIR GOVERNMENTS WOULD MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS,
THROUGH SPECIFIC AMOUNTS HAD NOT YET BEEN DECIDED;
THERE WAS GENERAL SUPPORT VOICED BY OTHER WEO REPS FOR
VOLUNTARY FINANCING OF IAEA PARTICIPATION IN INFCE.
SEVERAL REPS (INCLUDING FRG, JAPAN AND SWEDEN) QUESTIONED
HOW THE AMOUNT OF EACH COUNTRY'S VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION
WAS TO BE DETERMINED. VIEW EMERGED, BUT NOT FORMALLY
ADOPTED, THAT PERCENTAGE OF EACH COUNTRY'S
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CONTRIBUTION SHOULD BE BASED UPON COUNTRY'S BASE RATE OF
ASSESSMENT FOR AGENCY'S REGULAR BUDGET. MISSION HAS BEEN
USING THIS INFORMATION IN POST-MEETING CONSULTATIONS,
SUGGESTING THAT TO HELP COVER SHORTFALL PERCENTAGE
CONTRIBUTION BE SLIGHTLY LARGER THAN REGULAR PERCENTAGE SHARE.
ON BASIS OF CONSULTATIONS WE EXPECT GENERAL SUPPORT
AT NOVEMBER 30 BOARD MEETING FOR THIS APPROACH.

2. U.S. CONTRIBUTION (\$400,000) WILL BE ABOUT 35PERCENT OF AGENCY ESTIMATE (\$1.15 MILLION); SINCE OUR BASE RATE OF ASSESSMENT FOR THE AGENCY'S REGULAR BUDGET IS ABOUT 25PERCENT

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THE U.S. CONTRIBUTION WILL MAKE UP SHORTFALL OF ABOUT 5PERCENT RESULTING FROM FACT THAT ONLY 40 OF 110 AGENCY MEMBER STATES ARE PARTICIPATING IN INFCE, AND WILL MAKE UP ALSO FOR SOME FRACTION OF SHORTFALL WHICH COULD RESULT FROM REDUCED PAYMENT OR NON-PAYMENT OF CERTAIN DEVELOPING OR SOVIET BLOC COUNTRIES. ADDITIONAL FRACTION OF LATTER SHORTFALL SHOULD BE MADE UP IF CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OTHER MAJOR INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES ARE SLIGHTLY LARGER THAN BASE RATE SHARE OF REGULAR BUDGET.

3. AS REPORTED REF B, CANADIAN MISSION (HAFFEY) HAD BEEN OF VIEW, SUPPORTED BY OTTAWA, THAT CONTRIBUTIONS SHOULD BE BASED ON ASSESSMENTS RATHER THAN PURELY VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS. HAFFEY NOW REPORTS THAT BASED ON INDICATIONS AT WEO MEETING, AND ON OTHER CONSULTATIONS WHICH HE HAS HELD, IT NOW APPEARS THAT A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF GOVERNMENTS WILL MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS TO SUPPORT AGENCY PARTICIPATION IN INFCE. ACCORDINGLY, THE CANADIAN MISSION HAS RECOMMENDED TO OTTAWA THAT THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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JOIN IN A VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION BASED ON GUIDELINE DESCRIBED PARA 1, AND DROP THE IDEA OF A FORMAL ASSESSMENT. CANADA'S ASSESSED BASE RATE FOR AGENCY REGULAR BUDGET IS 3.18 PERCENT; HAFFEY EXPECTS CANADA TO PLEDGE VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION NO LESS THAN \$30,000 AND POSSIBLY UP TO \$40,000, AND HAS REQUESTED OTTAWA TO AUTHORIZE CANADIAN MISSION TO ANNOUNCE ITS PLEDGE DURING NOVEMBER 30 BOARD MEETING.

4. ARGENTINE MISSION (ESTRADA) REPORTED ON RESULT OF NOVEMBER 25 PRE-BOARD MEETING OF LATIN AMERICAN GROUP. GROUP DECIDED AGAINST TAKING GROUP POSITION, LEAVING EACH COUNTRY FREE TO DECIDE ITS OWN BOARD POSITION. ESTRADA SUPPORTS VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION CONCEPT DESCRIBED PARA 1 ABOVE, AND EXPECTS ARGENTINA TO MAKE CONTRIBUTION BASED APPROXIMATELY ON ITS PRO RATA SHARE OF AGENCY REGULAR BUDGET. HE SAID GROUP GENERALLY FOUND NO DIFFICULTIES WITH AGENCY DOC GOV/1868.

5. MISSIONS OF FRG AND JAPAN BOTH INDICATE SUPPORT

FOR GUIDELINES DESCRIBED PARA 1, AND EXPRESS HOPE
THEY WILL RECEIVE AUTHORIZATION TO PLEDGE CONTRIBUTIONS
PRIOR TO NOVEMBER 30 BOARD MEETING.

6. I PLAN TO MAKE STATEMENT AT BOARD MEETING ALONG
GENERAL LINES PARAS 2, 3 AND 4, REF A, AS WELL AS
STATEMENT OF U.S. SUPPORT FOR AGENCY ROLE AS
DESCRIBED IN AGENCY DOC GOV/1868, AND TO NOTE THAT
WHILE AGENCY PARTICIPATION WILL SERVE INTERESTS OF THE
AGENCY AND ITS ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP, AGENCY
CONCENTRATION IN INFCE ON THE SPECIAL NEEDS OF
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WILL IMPROVE AGENCY'S ABILITY
TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TRANSFER OF
TECHNOLOGY RELATED TO PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR
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